

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1646

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee's amateur radio operators.

WHEREAS, channeling the historic spirit of the Volunteer State, the 19,835 licensed amateur radio operators who reside in Tennessee provide invaluable services to their fellow citizens during emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, numerous Tennessee amateur radio clubs, organizations, and groups promote and advocate for the role of technology in the art of radio communications; and

WHEREAS, such worthy organizations provide a membership base through which new operators are trained, both locally and through TEMA, in emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, these organizations and individual operators have developed a statewide infrastructure of communications resources at their own expense and generously made it available for emergency use; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service devote their time, expertise, and equipment in support of local, State, and federal agencies during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, these amateur radio operators gladly provide their expertise, without compensation, in service of the greater good; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to honor our amateur radio operators on International Amateur Radio Day, which is April 18<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to recognize the many contributions made by Tennessee's amateur radio operators; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Tennessee's amateur radio operators for supporting our State during emergencies and natural disasters and thank them for their emergency response capabilities and readiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.